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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT PROMISES INFORMATION ON TIP

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Classified By: DCM Thomas F. Daughton; reasons 1.4 (b, d).

¶1. (C) Ambassador raised in a November 25 meeting with MFA Director General for the Americas Selmane the lack of Algerian responsiveness on trafficking in persons (TIP) issues (reftel) and emphasized our need for maximum information on investigations, prosecutions and penalties for TIP. Ambassador stressed it was in Algeria's interest to be fully transparent, emphasizing that a lack of demonstrated progress on these issues could lead to classification of Algeria in Tier 3 in the next TIP report. This could endanger U.S. funding for programs such as IMET, as well as other programs in areas like technical assistance and even cultural exchanges.

¶2. (C) Selmane said a preliminary response was being prepared for the Embassy while the Ministries of Labor, National Solidarity, Interior and Defense put together a more detailed response. Ambassador urged the MFA to furnish us the coordinated response as quickly as possible. Selmane promised continued attention to the matter and underscored MFA willingness to be helpful.

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